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SUBJECT: MBFR: LINK BETWEEN PHASES: REVIEW PROCEDURE

REF: A) USNATO 3061; B) USNATO 2639

1. SPC ON JUNE 4 APPROVED FOLLOWING DUTCH TEXT AS GUIDANCE TO
AHG ON WITHDRAWAL PROVISION: "THE ANSWER IS AFFIRMATIVE TO AHG
QUESTION OF WHETHER THE "APPROPRIATE CONCLUSIONS" MENTIONED IN
SECTION V OF THE LINK GUIDANCE IMPLY, INTER ALIA, THAT WITHDRAWAL
COULD BE A POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCE OF A REVIEW." BELGIUM
WHICH ALONG WITH THE NETHERLANDS HAD OPPOSED THE ORIGINAL, TWO
PART DRAFT GUIDANCE (REF A), ACCEPTED THIS TEXT WITHOUT CHANGE.

2. US REP ASKED, IN LIGHT OF THE NEW GUIDANCE, WHETHER THE
SPC WOULD HAVE TO RETURN TO THE SECOND PART OF THE ORIGINAL DRAFT
GUIDANCE, OR WHETHER THE NEW GUIDANCE REALLY TELESCOPED THE TWO
PARTS FOR A TOTAL ANSWER.

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3. NETHERLANDS REP CONSIDERED THE NEW GUIDANCE A TOTAL ANSWER.
HE THOUGHT THE SECOND PART OF THE ORIGINAL DRAFT GUIDANCE WAS
OBSCURE, AND BOTH PARTS INVOLVED TACTICS, WHICH WERE VIENNA'S
PREROGATIVE. HOW AHG USES THE NEW GUIDANCE WITH WP IS TACTICAL

QUESTION, AND HE HOPED AHG WOULD NOT NEED TO COME BACK TO NATO
ON THIS ISSUE.

4. BELGIAN REP SAID HIS COUNTRY'S PROBLEM CAME FROM DISTINCTION
IT MADE BETWEEN REVIEW PROCEDURES AND WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURES.
DUTCH TEXT MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE REVIEW CLAUSE DID NOT LEAD
PRIMARILY TO WITHDRAWAL, AND IMPLIED THERE WOULD BE
OTHER ASPECTS OF REVIEW CLAUSE WHICH PARTIES TO AGREEMENT MUST
EXHAUST PRIOR TO WITHDRAWAL.

5. US REP SAID THE REMAINING MATTERS FOR LATER SPC WORK ARE,
THEREFORE, ASPECTS OF THE REVIEW CLAUSE OTHER THAN WITHDRAWAL;
RE WITHDRAWAL, SPC HAS GIVEN AHG ALL IT NEEDS, AND IT CAN SAY
IN PRINCIPLE USSR CAN WITHDRAW FROM AGREEMENT. BELGIAN REP
HESITATED AT THIS CONCLUSION, CLAIMING THAT CLEAR WESTERN
STATEMENT OF SOVIET RIGHT TO WITHDRAW FROM AGREEMENT WOULD ENABLE
SOVIETS TO PUT GREAT PRESSURE ON WESTERN EUROPEANS IN PHASE II.
UK REP OBSERVED THAT IF AHG FEELS SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO SOVIET
RIGHT TO WITHDRAW IS TACTICAL MATTER, AHG WILL DECIDE, BASED ON
INSTRUCTIONS FROM CAPITALS. OTHERWISE AHG WILL COME BACK TO
NATO.

6. COMMENT: MISSION BELIEVES LANGUAGE AGREED BY NAC MAY 14,
COUPLED WITH INTERPRETATION IN FIRST PARA OF THIS MESSAGE, HAS
GIVEN AHG BROAD TACTICAL FLEXIBILITY IN PRESENTING WITHDRAWAL CLAUSE
TO WP. BELGIUM SEEMS AT THIS POINT THE ONLY COUNTRY WHICH MIGHT
REQUEST FURTHER GUIDANCE FROM NATO.RUMSFELD

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